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RUSSIAN VISITORS . . . King Harbor was one of the points of interest visited this week by three Soviet marine biologists whose ship, "Professor Deruygin," is docked at Los Angeles Harbor. Two Torrance optometrists, Dr. Eleanore Thill and Dr. Janet Kohtz, rolled out the red carpet for the Russian visitors, inviting them home to meet their families and showing them the sights of Torrance and Southern California. Shown above (from left) are Vladimir Kolesnikov, Eugeny Antonov, Dr. Thill, Dr. Kohtz, and Vladimir Avdeev. The young scientists expressed an affinity for mushroom pizza and American friendliness.

(Press-Herald Photo)

Whirlwind Visit

Trio of Russians On Tour of City

Two Torrance optometrists have made it their business to extend a hand of friendship to three Russian marine biologists who spent the past week seeing the sights of Southern California.

Volunteering to help guide the three young visitors during their brief stay in the United States were Dr. Eleanore Thill and Dr. Janet Kohtz, both of whom live and work in Torrance.

Drs. Thill and Kohtz learned of the Russian biologists through the chief pilot at Los

Angeles Harbor, a personal friend, who assisted in docking the Russian vessel that brought the scientific entourage here.

THE GROUP of 15 scientists has been working with the American government on a joint project, analyzing marine life off the California coast. They will set sail tonight, analyzing local waters for one more month before heading for their home port of Vladivostok.

The three Russians enter-

ained by Dr. Thill and Dr. Kohtz were Vladimir Kolesnikov, Eugeny Antonov, and Vladimir Avdeev, who received a thorough introduction to the city of Torrance as guests of their American friends.

Dr. Kohtz and Dr. Thill showed the visitors through their optometry offices, a local doctor's office, and took them to dinner at a typical Torrance coffee shop. "I thought that would be the most American way to go!" Dr. Kohtz quipped.

DURING their stay in South- (SEE RUSSIANS, Page A-3)

Dance to Aid Health Center

"A Dance to Buy a Truck" will be held Sunday evening under the sponsorship of the Guild of the South Bay Children's Health Center.

The dance is to be held in the Redondo Beach Eagles Hall, 128 S. Catalina, from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

The truck, a 1960 model, is part of the Guild's Thrift Shop project. Funds from the dance will go toward the truck, its operating expenses, and rent on a thrift shop.

CURRENTLY, the Guild is seeking a location for its shop and for additional storage space for rapidly accumulating merchandise. Most of the merchandise is now stored in the garage of one of the Guild officers.

The South Bay Children's Health Center was opened in 1947 as a dental clinic. Some 18 months ago, a Child Guidance Clinic was added in response to requests from our school districts. More than

190 children with emotional problems have been helped through the center.

The center's professional staff is furnished through the Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic, a United Way Agency (as is the local center).

THE LOCAL center is financed through fees (based on income of parents whose children are served by the center), area school districts, and contributions from organizations, businesses and individuals. The United Way provides about 9 per cent of the funds.

The Thrift Shop project is designed to provide additional financing for the center through the sale of useable goods which are donated to the center. Ed Day is project chairman and his committee includes Mrs. Glyora Doeh, Guild president, and Mrs. William Crowdon, Clarence Hall, Dick Mill, Mike Robinson, Albert Russell, James Scribner, and Peter Vlahakis.



FOR CHILDREN'S CENTER . . . Reminding area residents of a benefit dance for the South Bay Children's Health Center are (from left) Mrs. R. B. Anderson, Las Vincenas Women's Club; Lt. David A. Cook, Torrance Police Department; Ed Day, chairman of the board of the center; Chief of Police Walter Koenig; and Mrs. H. R. Rodgers, president of the Torrance Council of PTA. The dance will be held Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Redondo Beach Eagles Hall. Funds will help finance a thrift shop project for the center. (Press-Herald Photo)

Mother Held in Death Of 13-Month-Old Son

Chamber To Meet Tonight

Members of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce will meet this evening to pay tribute to the city's Distinguished Citizen of the year during their annual banquet.

The banquet, which will be held in Manhattan Beach, is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. with a no-host social hour.

In addition to the naming of the citizen of the year, the Chamber will install new officers. Harry Gorman, manager of Del Amo Properties, will be installed as president to succeed George Ebert.



MICHAEL E. GLATTE



DENNIS ESHLEMAN

Hit-Run Charges Lodged

An 18-year-old Torrance girl was booked Wednesday on misdemeanor hit-run charges after the car she was driving allegedly struck a parked car on Torrance Boulevard near Madrid Avenue.

Also booked for possession of dangerous drugs and driving under the influence of drugs was Cynthia R. Hesters, 1937 Middlebrook Road.

The unemployed suspect was apprehended at 1:10 p.m. at the corner of Torrance and Crenshaw Boulevards. The accident occurred at 12:50 p.m., police said.

Moderate damage to both cars was reported.

Police said they confiscated eight capsules resembling seconal from Miss Hesters.

'Y' Names Two New Directors

The Torrance Family YMCA has announced the appointment of two new members to its professional staff, according to Gary Kuenzi, YMCA executive director.

Assuming the position of director for high school programs is Michael E. Glatte. Taking the title of program director for Gray-Y and Jr. Hi-Y is Dennis Eshleman.

Glatte, 29, lives at 1609 1/2 W.

204th St., and has just returned from two tours with the Peace Corps. During the past six years, he has travelled extensively throughout Africa, and the Middle and Far East.

HE TAUGHT English for four years in Ethiopia, and worked as a research assistant for a Harvard University "impact study" on the effects of the Peace Corps in Ethiopia.

Eshleman, 23, resides at 20400 Anza Ave., and is a recent graduate of George Williams College in Chicago, majoring in group work. A native of Onarga, Ill., he has worked with YMCA groups in the Illinois area.

Homeowners Set Meeting Monday

Mrs. Nola Meredith will discuss sensitivity training at a meeting of the North Torrance Property and Homeowners' Association Monday evening.

The meeting will be held at the Higgins Brickyard patio, 2217 W. Artesia Blvd., at 8 p.m. Members of the Torrance Board of Education and ministers from throughout the city have been invited to the meeting.

Father Finds Body of Baby, Calls Officers

A 21-year-old mother was booked on suspicion of murder Thursday morning after her infant son was found dead in his crib.

Booked at Harbor General Hospital, where she had been treated for a slashed left wrist, was Mrs. Roline Carstens of 1717 Lincoln Ave., Apt. 10. The young mother had apparently tried to take her own life when she learned her baby was dead, police said.

The lifeless body of 13-month-old Anthony James Carstens Jr. was discovered by his father at 6:45 a.m. Thursday.

CARSTENS said his wife had called him at work Wednesday afternoon and tearfully told him that she had just struck the baby in the stomach area because it had been crying.

He said he called doctors at a local hospital to find out what to do and they told him to keep the infant under surveillance and to call them if anything developed.

Police officers said the baby appeared to have been dead for four to five hours when they arrived on the scene.

CARSTENS noted that his wife had been on the verge of a nervous breakdown for some time. He said that when his wife learned the baby was dead, she locked herself in the bathroom and

slashed her left wrist with a kitchen knife and a razor blade.

Mrs. Carstens was transferred to Norwalk Metropolitan Hospital, after her cuts were treated at Harbor General.

An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of the baby's death. Results will be revealed this afternoon.

Third Suspect Jailed

A third suspect has been captured in connection with Tuesday night's slaying of a Redondo Beach service station manager.

Apprehended Wednesday at 3 a.m. by Long Beach police was Cary Raymond Orberg, 21, of 2607 Blossom Lane, Redondo Beach.

Arrested earlier at the scene of the slaying were Charles Douglas Parrott, 19, of Redondo Beach, and Billy Wayne Morris, 20, a transient.

THE THREE were arraigned Thursday in South Bay Municipal Court. Orberg and Morris were charged with murder, with Morris receiving the additional charges of assault with intent to commit murder and assault with a deadly weapon.

Parrott was charged with being an accessory. The suspects must appear in Municipal Court July 7 for a preliminary hearing.

THE THREE were arrested in connection with the death of James O. Miller, 35, of 1321 W. Rosecrans Blvd., Gardena. Miller was killed instantly with a bullet through the heart.

Police said the shooting occurred when three youths drove into a service station at 2118 Artesia Blvd. late Tuesday. (See SUSPECT, Page A-3)

Proposed Budget Wins Approval of Council

City Councilmen voted unanimously Tuesday night to adopt City Manager Edward J. Ferraro's proposed budget for the 1969-70 fiscal year, making no last minute changes in the budget they had hammered out in workshop sessions.

The operating budget totals \$17,720,079, with an additional \$94,714 for unexpected expenditures that may crop up during the year. Some \$93,387

lies in reserve for capital improvement projects.

SUPPLEMENTING the operation budget will be a 5 per cent tipplers' tax, a measure which also received final approval Tuesday night. The tax will produce an estimated \$184,000 during the eight months it will be collected in fiscal 1969-70. Funds collected under the tax have been earmarked. (See BUDGET, Page A-3)

Sentencing Set July 18; Two Others Face Trial

A former Torrance fireman has pleaded guilty to one count of receiving stolen property, giving Los Angeles county its first conviction since the cracking of a statewide auto theft ring last October.

The former fireman, Richard G. Faren, 31, of 2323 W. 230th St., will be sentenced July 18 in Superior Court. Additional counts of felony conspiracy and grand theft are expected to be dropped at that time.

Faren was one of five men originally indicted by the grand jury. Charges against

two of the suspects have been dropped for lack of evidence.

STILL FACING charges are John Paul Brady, 38, of 24 Silver Saddle Lane, Rolling Hills Estates, and Woodrow Gandy, 37, of 750 W. 113th St., Los Angeles.

Brady, a former Torrance policeman, is faced with nine counts of grand theft and receiving stolen property, and one count of conspiracy. Charges against Gandy include two counts each of receiving stolen property and car theft, and one count of felony conspiracy.

Gandy and Brady will be tried July 14.

THE RING is believed to have stolen roughly 100 cars from Los Angeles and San Francisco International Airport parking lots, refurbishing them, and selling them as used cars.

Police said the ring would buy demolished cars and then obtain new license plates and registrations for them by telling the Department of Motor Vehicles that the cars had been restored. Instead the new plates and registrations were applied to the stolen cars.